

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, March 14, 2024

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Patricia Storrs** who passed away this week. Pat joined our church in 1983 and her niece is one of our newest members, Kelly Brown. An April 26 funeral is being planned at the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home.

THIS FRIDAY

It is **Drive-in Movie Night** for everyone grades 4 – 12!

On your day-off-from-school, join us at 4 PM to construct a car – ‘cause ya gotta have a car for a drive-in movie, right? You will have an hour to transform cardboard into your dream car and then everyone will pull up to the screen for the movie. There will be drive-in movie food and snacks to enjoy while we watch the movie we choose together.

THIS SUNDAY

Bring Easter basket donations for the Easter Give-away.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes have arrived.

Your gifts make a difference within our community and around the world.

Beginning at 9:30, our Faith Formation classes will put their faith into action by cleaning up the Memorial Garden and our Green. Meanwhile, the adult *Starting Point* for discussion will be the 3rd essay by Jim McKenna.

On this 5th Sunday in Lent, beginning at 10:30, we will continue to make a quiet place in our hearts, our minds, and our lives. Anelia Corbin will play her NYSMA solo for trumpet as our special music. Pastor Vicki and Carrie Scheibner will lead in worship rooted in Jeremiah 31:31-34. What has been written upon your heart? Alex Faulkenbury and the children will add something new to their sand-garden and then the kids will be excused for nursery. Stick around afterward for coffee hour, hosted by Linda Brown. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 4:30 In-person discussion of the Palm Sunday part of the *Poetry of Lent*.

Our Trustees will meet at 6:30.

Thursday 12:15 ZOOM discussion of the Palm Sunday part of the *Poetry of Lent*.

5 – 7 ALL YOUTH (grades 7-12) are invited to dinner at the manse.

Sunday Bring refrigerator rolls for the Easter Give-away.

9:30 Faith Formation

10:30 Palm Sunday Worship - Coffee Hour host is the Faith Formation Committee.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Revenue through 2/29/24 - \$29,263.58, 13.07% of budget

Expenses through 2/29/24 - \$49,901.99 - 20.36% of budget

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Consider inviting your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join you!

Palm Sunday Holy Week begins.

Join us as we wave palms and remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

One of Leonardo da Vinci's most famous paintings is that of the Last Supper. Painted between 1494-1498, his tableau offers a fifteen-century view of Jesus' last gathering at table with the disciples. On Maundy Thursday, the tableau becomes a living portrayal of the disciples, grappling with the bewildering news that one of them would betray Jesus. This past Sunday, 13 men drew their disciple's name:

Andrew – Jim McKenna	Nathaniel – John Rose
James – Kurt Schmidt	Peter – Gary McCaslin
James the Lesser – David Ford	Philip – Jack Bertram
John – Buzz Harrington	Simon the Zealot – Evan Faulkenbury
Judas – Mark Bertram	Thaddeus – Paul Pitkin
Matthew – Daniel Ford	Thomas – Jim Rogers
Jesus – Jim Ulrich	

Each disciple will share the background of his relationship with Jesus as he grapples with the disturbing news of betrayal. **The Last Supper** will begin at 7 PM.

Good Friday

Come to the sanctuary at 12:30 for a 30-minute recital of sacred organ music offered by Andrea Herzog. Arrive when you can; depart when you must. Tell your friends!

Holy Saturday

It's our **Easter Giveaway!** Beginning at 9 AM, the Outreach Team will offer Easter dinner bags and elements needed for kids' Easter baskets. Donations have been provided by members of our congregation. We are glad to share these resources with the entire community.

The Village is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** on our Green at 10 AM. Our Outreach Team is serving coffee and hot cocoa from the steps of our church.

Easter Sunday

Bring the entire family for our **Celebration of Resurrection**. Our sanctuary will be transformed from our Lenten journey to the hallelujahs associated with this very special day. There will be gifts for all the children and the Musson family is hosting Coffee Hour.

LOOK AT THIS!

Our friendship with the Homer Elks has been seen by folks around the world! In the March 2024 publication of The Elks Magazine, page 17 includes this reference: "...the (Homer Elks) donated a \$3,500 ENF Gratitude Grant to the **Homer Congregational Church** Back to School PREP program, which provides needy students with clothing and toiletries at the start of the school year." Thanks to Sharon Wainman for sharing this news with us.